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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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OBSCENE PICTURES
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the obscene pictures are being shown at several places as a result of availability of internet facility on computers;

(b): if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether small clubs have been set up at some places which show obscene films on internet and encourage others to view them, thereby affecting the Indian culture adversely;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the strategy proposed to be adopted to check this trend?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a),(b),(c),(d) and (e): Government have no information in this regard There are specific software available which can be used to block objectionable websites. However, it may not be technically feasible to completely block such sitesbecause of their large proliferation internationally. As per internet Service Provider (ISP) License Agreement,the licensee shall ensure that obscene contents are not carried in his/her Network. Cyber Laws when enforced will enable to deal with this matter more effectively.